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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM KING KHALID

REF: JIDDA 1941

1. REFERENCE TO SUBJECT LETTER APPEARED IN LEAD ARTICLE ENTITLED "SAUDIS LINK OIL PRICES TO A STABLE DOLLAR" BY HOBART ROWEN IN BUSINESS SECTION OF WASHINGTON POST MARCH 22.

2. RELEVANT EXCERPT -- THE FIRT THREE PARAGRAPHS OF ROWEN'S ARTICLE -- FOLLOWS: QTE: KING KHALID OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS TOLD PRESIDENT CARTER THAT OIL PRICES MAY HAVE TO BE RAISED IF THE U.S. DOLLAR CONTINUES ITS DECLINE IN WORLD MARKETS.

THE SAUDI LEADER SAID IN A RECENT LETTER THAT HIS NATION, IN EFFECT, HAD RESISTED SEVERAL EFFORTS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC) TO RAISE
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PRICES, BUT THE UNITED STATES COULD NO LONGER BE SURE THAT THE SAUDI VIEW WOULD CONTINUE TO PREVAIL.

AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES STRESSED THAT KHALID'S LETTER WAS

NOT THREATENING, AND THAT IN FACT, "IT WAS VERY WELL REASONED." THEY SAID THE ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM THAT

PRESIDENT CARTER NOW HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION HAD NOT BEEN
TRIGGERED BY THE KHALID LETTER. UNQTE.

3. DEPT NOTES THAT REFTEL WAS NOT CAPTIONED FOR LIMITED
DISTRIBUTION. AS GENERAL PROCEDURE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
PREFERABLE TO LIMIT DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSTANTIVE, REPEAT
SUBSTANTIVE MESSAGES BETWEEN KING AND PRESIDENT, SELECTING
LIMDIS, EXDIS OR NODIS AS THE SUBJECT MATTER DICTATES. VANCE

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